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**Wendy M. Comes,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics; Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

*Name:* National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS).

*Times and Dates:* 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., November 5, 1997; 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m., November 6, 1997.

*Place:* Conference Room 303A-339A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington D.C. 20201.

*Status:* Open.

*Purpose:* The meeting will focus on a variety of data policy and privacy issues. The Committee will review its progress and consider next steps in addressing new responsibilities in health data standards and health information privacy as outlined in the administrative simplification provisions of P.L. 104-191, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), as well as on related matters. Department officials will brief the Committee on recent activities of the HHS Data Council, the status of HHS activities in implementing the administrative simplification provisions of P.L. 104-191, and related data policy activities.

The Committee also will hear a briefing on data needs and issues by the Director of the National Center for Health Statistics. Presentations also are scheduled relating to the President's Commission on Quality and Consumer Protection, the National Vital Statistics Program and Standard Certificates, and confidentiality and anti-discrimination issues in genetic testing. Breakout sessions are planned for the Subcommittee on Health Data Needs, Standards and Security, the Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality, and the Subcommittee on Population-Specific Issues. In addition, the Committee will discuss its recent recommendations relating to the unique health identifier for individuals, and will discuss priorities and work

plans. All topics are tentative and subject to change. Please check the NCVHS website for a detailed agenda.

*Contact Person for More Information:*

Substantive information as well as summaries of the meeting and a roster of committee members may be obtained by visiting the NCVHS website (<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>) or by calling James Scanlon, NCVHS Executive Staff Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS, Room 440-D Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, telephone (202) 690-7100, or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone 301/436-7050.

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**James Scanlon,**

*Director, Division of Data Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

#### Board of Scientific Counselors, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry; Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announces the following committee meeting.

*Name:* Board of Scientific Counselors, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (BSC, ATSDR).

*Times and Dates:* 9 a.m.-5 p.m., November 19, 1997, and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., November 20, 1997.

*Place:* ATSDR, 35 Executive Park Drive, Training Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 60 people.

*Purpose:* The Board of Scientific Counselors, ATSDR, advises the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Administrator, ATSDR, on ATSDR programs to ensure scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of results. Specifically, the Board advises on the adequacy of the science in ATSDR-supported research, emerging problems that require scientific investigation, accuracy and currency of the science in ATSDR

reports, and program areas to emphasize and/or to de-emphasize.

*Matters To Be Discussed:* Agenda items will include introduction of members and special consultants to the Community/Tribal Subcommittee, updates on ATSDR medical monitoring at Hanford and Bunker Hill, ATSDR's methyl parathion experience, the programs and activities of the ATSDR Office of Urban Affairs, the Great Lakes Human Health Effects Research, the ATSDR Child Health Initiative, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Worker Safety and Training Program; a discussion on ATSDR/Native American cooperation; an overview for determining contaminant levels in water distribution systems; and a presentation of ATSDR's interim policy on dioxins in soil.

Written comments are welcome and should be received by the contact person listed below prior to the opening of the meeting.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

#### CONTACT PERSONS FOR MORE

**INFORMATION:** Charles Xintaras, Sc.D., Executive Secretary, BSC, ATSDR, M/S E-28, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-0708.

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*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Fernald Health Effects Subcommittee

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announce the following meeting.

*Name:* Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at DOE Sites: Fernald Health Effects Subcommittee.

*Times and Dates:* 1 p.m.-9 p.m., November 5, 1997, and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., November 6, 1997.